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tive, who wth his better abilitys is and I am sure will be willing to supply those Defects, and skillfully to assist in the whole and full management thereof, and to assure you, I am Madam

Your Wff.

To Mildred Warner, &c.

INSTRUCTIONS TO BERKELEY, 1662.*

Instructions to our Trusty and well beloved Servant Sir Wm.

Berkeley, Knight, our Governor of our Colony of Virginia:

Charles R:

That God Almighty may be more Inclined to bestow his blessing upon us and you in the Improvement of that our Colony, you shall in the first place take special care that he be devoutly and Duly served in all your Government, the Book of Common prayer as it is now Established Read Each Sunday and Holy Day and the Blessed Sacrament administered according to the Rights of the Church of England; you shall be carefull that the churches already built there be well and orderly kept, and more built as the colony shall by God's blessing be improved, and that besides a competent maintenance to be assigned to the minister of each church out of the fruits and production of the Earth and Labour of the planters; that a convenient House be built at the common charge and for each minister near each church and one hundred acres of Land assigned to him for a Glebe and the exercise of his own Industry.

2. You shall within one month after your arrival or sooner if you think fit, call a General Assembly according to the usages of that our colony, and that at the opening thereof you shall declare to them that we are graciously pleased to grant a free and general act of Pardon and Oblivion to all our Subjects of what Degree and Quality soever of that our colony of all crimes offences and misdemeanors soever committed since.

* These instructions were for the term beginning December 23d, 1662, and ending April 27th, 1677.

Excepting such Persons who are attained by act of Parliament in this our Kingdom for the horrid murder of our dear Father of blessed memory, if any of which Persons shall at present be within that our colony or shall hereafter repair thither, he or they shall be forthwith apprehended and sent hither to receive condign punishment. Provided that you and the assembly take present care for the repeal of all Laws and orders made during the times of the late Rebellion and usurpation against our crown and Dignity and derogatory to the obedience which all our subjects of that our colony do owe unto us and to our Government and which we presume they are willing to pay to us.

3. You shall Let that assembly know that we do expect from you and them that you establish good and wholesome Laws and orders and Execute them accordingly for the punishment, discountenance and suppressing of all vice, Debauchery and Idleness, of which as all good Christians ought to be ashamed in all places, so in new plantations if far from their own country, and when they are exposed to so many dangers, inconveniencies and wants that without an extraordinary and wonderful protection and assistance of God Almighty they are in daily hazard of perishing, the same ought to be more abominated, and that they likewise establish all necessary encouragements for virtue, Industry and obedience and for what soever may advance the wealth, Honour and Reputation of that our colony and of every member thereof in order to which we do very heartily recommend to your and their care and consideration.

I. That care be taken to dispose the planters to be willing to build towns upon every River which must tend very much to their security and in time to their profit, of which they cannot have a better evidence and example than from their neighbours of New England, who obliging themselves to that order have in few years raised that Colony to great wealth and Reputation and security. We wish that there may be at least one Town upon every River and that you begin at James River, which being first seated we desire to give all countenance and to settle the Government there, and therefore as we do expect that you give good example yourself by building some houses, those which will in a short time turn to your profit, so you shall in our name let the Councillors of that Colony know that we will take it very well

at their hands if they will each of them build one or more houses there, and you shall give a particular account by a Letter to our self of the success of this our design, what orders are made by our assembly for the advancement thereof, and what particular persons do engage themselves to build upon this our Recommendation.

2. That all possible endeavours be used and encouragement Given to advance the Plantation of Silk, Flax, Hemp, Pitch and Potashes for which we are well assured that climate and soil are very proper, we our self having made experience of the silk grown there and finding it to be equal to any we have seen and yet seems to be most difficult of any of the rest. We expect that upon the Review of what is already established for the Encouragement of these particulars, new and greater Rewards and encouragements be given thereunto in proportion to the great Benefit that our colony would in a short time reap thereby.

3. Whereas we have been moved to put some restraint upon the planting of Tobacco in that our colony both for the advancing the other comodities we have recommended to you, and because the price falls so low by the great quantities brought in from our other plantations that the same will not in a short time be valuable to the planters or merchants, and where as we have been likewise moved to make some order for the Limiting of the Ships which trade thither that they shall not lade and return from thence but from and during some time limited, at all which debates you have been present and in all which our privy council have forborn to give any Determination by reason of the Difference of opinions between the merchants and Planters and masters of ships, no one party of which seem to be of the same mind and opinion, we do recommend the consideration and debate to you and to our assembly to the end that upon the due deliberation of what is best for our colony, we mean for the general good and future advancement thereof, not the particular profit of a few less Industrious persons, such good rules may be established as may be for the general Benefit, and because what may be found necessary to be settled in these particulars will require that the same provision be likewise made in Maryland, we do direct you that some commissioners be appointed to treat

with others of Maryland to that purpose and a fit place agreed upon for the same. In order whereunto we are well assured the Lord Baltimore will send directions to those who are Intrusted by him, and if any thing shall be insisted on by them contrary to reason and prejudicial to our colony of Virginia upon representation thereof we shall give a Determination therein such as shall be just.

4. Whereas there hath been Represented to us an order of our council for the Colony concerning 2d Imposed by the Assembly upon every Hogshead of Tobacco exported out of that our Colony upon which some Limitations have been offered by the Masters of ships, we are well contented to confer in the said Inspection of 2d aforesaid or any other Imposition our assembly shall judge fit and reasonable to make for the good of the Colony the support of our government there and the bringing in and planting the commodities aforesaid, and we are graciously pleased that out of the said money so imposed one Thousand pounds p. annum be constantly Issued to our Governor there for the time being and the Remainder thereof whatsoever it shall amount unto, shall be disposed towards the encouragement of the plantation of the commodities aforesaid, a true account whereof shall be yearly transmitted to our Council of Plantations residing here by you our Governor and such who shall be appointed to manage the same.

5. Whereas we have certain knowledge that there is greater endeavours used by the Ill arts of some and negligence of others to defraud us and this Kingdom of the freight and benefit which would accrue by the act of Parliament concerning navigation if the same was carefully and faithfully executed and observed, in that very much Tobacco is shipped in that our colony in Dutch Vessels wherein some English mariners are entertained for that purpose and that very much which is put on board some English vessels not yet brought into England and entered here as by said act, it ought to be insomuch as the Quantity of Tobacco brought into this our Kingdom is in no proportion to the Quantity yearly transported out of that our colony. We do hereby require you that a very exact account you do cause to be entered there and transmitted to our commissioners and farmers of our

customers here, of all the Tobacco which shall be shipped from that our Colony in English vessels and that you suffer none other to be shipped from thence, with the time when the same was shipped, the name of the Ship and of the Master and to what place he or they are bound, to the End that Discovery being thus made care might be taken for the severe punishment and prosecution of those who shall transgress the said act of Parliament.

6. We being informed that the grant of our Royal Father of blessed memory heretofore made to that our Colony to exempt the Planters from paying quit Rents for the first seven years, hath turned to the great prejudice of that our colony, and that many have abused that Grace and taken occasion thereby to take and create a Title to themselves of such Quantities of Land which they never intend to or in truth can occupy or cultivate, but thereby only keep out others who would plant and manure the same; we do therefore revoke all such Grants as contrary to the Intention of our Royal Father and to the good of the people, and do appoint you by and with the advice of our Council to give direction to the Treasurer and his Deputy, that the Quit Rents be carefully and Justly levied and no longer forbearance thereof by reason or colour of such occupation or discretion as aforesaid, and you shall likewise require our Treasurer or his Deputy to be careful to enter upon all such Lands as are lawfully escheated to us, and authorize him to make new Grants of the said Escheated Lands, in such manner and with such Limitations as shall be directed by you and our council.

7. Amongst other good works we desire to erect in that our colony of Virginia, we have a desire to erect such an Iron work as may be (in truth) considerable and above what a private undertaking can go through, and do therefore if we find encouragement thereunto resolve to undertake it our self, and in order thereto we would have you debate the whole matter and all that may conduce thereunto, with our council there and upon a clear state thereof and upon a view that there is plenty of good oar fit for the same, you transmit your advice and opinion thereupon how we may best undertake it; what we must transport from

hence for that purpose and all things which are necessary thereunto and we shall thereupon provide as we shall think fit.

8. You shall once every year transmit the true & full state of that our colony to our council of Plantations here, with a particular account of every Improvement you observe to be made by the Industry of the Planters, as well as by the direction of the Government, in the year past. What number of people have been transported thither that year and what new plantations they have ent^{red} upon and what new encouragement you desire from hence that so upon a representation made to us by them, we may show you by some new and multiplied grace and favour how much we take to heart the good and benefit and advancement of that our colony and the good subjects thereof.

9. Lastly we having now upon your desire granted a commission of Oyer and Terminer for the better administration of Justice, and punishment of offences with in that our colony, we do earnestly recommend to your care wisdom and Industry and Integrity that Justice be well administred and Impartially, and that our good Subjects have no cause of Complaint, and if you and our Assembly shall find it requisite for the better execution thereof that some persons Learned in the Laws be sent from hence and shall provide competent Salaries for them; we shall upon such your representation make choice of some fit persons for the performance of that service.

Given at our Court at Whitehall this 12 Day of September in the 14 year of our Reign 1662.

By his Majesty's Command.